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Third Annual Reunion of the West
Virginia Body.

LODGE OF PERFECTION WORK

Occupied the First Day's Sessions.
Degrees from the Fourth to the
Fourteenth Conferred on a Class of
Nine Candidates—Communication
of the Rose Croix To-Day—Will
Close Thursday Evening.

The third annual reunion of the Scottish Rite bodies of Free Masonry, opened at the Masonic temple yesterday morning, and it will close Thursday evening with a banquet at the Hotel Windsor, which will be an elaborate affair. The attendance was small yesterday, there being but a few from out of the city, but the attendance will increase daily.

The day was spent in the communication of McDaniel lodge of Perfection, No. 1, consisting of the conferring of the fourth to the fourteenth degrees inclusively. Nine candidates were instructed in the work, the following being the degrees:

Fourth, secret master; fifth, perfect master; sixth, intimate secretary; seventh, provost and judge; eighth, intendant of the building; ninth, elu of the ninth; tenth, elu of the fifteenth; eleventh, elu of the twelfth; twelfth, master architect; thirteenth royal arch of Solomon, fourteenth, perfect elu.

The following officers had charge of the ceremonies:

William H. Rose, 32d K. C., venerable master.
Stephen Waterhouse, Jr., 32d, K. C., senior warden.
Thomas B. McLain, 32d, junior warden.
Thomas C. Stevenson, 32d, K. C., orator.
Joseph Hall, 32d, almoner.
Thomas A. Darrah, 32d, secretary.
William A. Wilson, 32d, treasurer.
William V. Campbell, 32d, marshal of ceremonies.
Francis Marion Young, 32d, expert.
A. H. Wiedebusch, 32d, assistant expert.
William P. Burke, 32d, captain of the host.
Timothy W. Bliss, 32d, tyler.

Degrees from the fifteenth to the eighteenth, inclusive, will be conferred to-day, in the communication of Charity chapter Rose Croix, No. 1. The degrees are: Fifteenth, knight of the east; sixteenth, prince of Jerusalem; seventeenth, knight of the east and west; eighteenth, knight Rose Croix. The officers in charge to-day are as follows:

John M. Birch, 32d, wise master.
John K. List, 32d, senior warden.
John M. Pawcett, 32d, junior warden.
E. M. Turner, 32d, K. C., orator.
Joseph Hall, 32d, almoner.
Thomas M. Darrah, 32d, secretary.
William A. Wilson, 32d, treasurer.
William H. Rose, 32d, K. C., marshal of ceremonies.
Robert C. Darrah, 32d, expert.
Harry F. Stallman, 18th, assistant expert.
L. W. Blaney, 32d, guard of the temple.
Timothy W. Bliss, 32d, tyler.

Shriners' Imperial Council.

Will W. Irwin, one of the committee of three from Osiris temple, returned yesterday from Washington, D. C., where the committee made arrangements for quarters for the members of Osiris temple and their friends during the meeting of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, which is to occur May 22-25. The Colonial hotel, at the corner of Fifteenth and H streets was secured, an option being taken on 100 rooms for the Wheeling contingent. Messrs. Clark Hamilton and James B. McKee, the other members of the committee, will likely return from Washington to-day.

THE NEW CREMATORY.

Bids to be Advertised for—The Friday Night Accident Discussed.

The council committee on health met last night and adopted the plans for the repairs to the city crematory prepared by City Engineer White, who was instructed to advertise for bids. The plans call for practically a new crematory and bids will be asked for separately on the furnace, masonry and roof. The latter is to be of corrugated iron.

The committee informally discussed Friday night's accident, in which a Pole was the victim, and several plans were advanced for the care of emergency cases. The matter comes more directly, within the bounds of the county authorities, but the committee discussed the matter for some time. Dr. Jepson, the health officer, who was present, incidentally pointed out the fact that the City Hospital is now caring for thirteen charity patients, more than one-third of its patients, and it was generally agreed that the fault for the delay in getting the injured man to the hospital was due to ignorance of the regulations governing the institution by the parties interested in the unfortunate man's case.

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If you have a piano you value and intend having it moved this spring, let us move it for you. Both of our truckmen have been with us fourteen years and know how to move pianos carefully. Our prices are no higher than others. F. W. BAUMER CO.

IF business men and merchants consult their best interests they will advertise in the Intelligencer.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Going and Coming of Wheeling People and Visitors.

Miss Kate McKown, of the National road, is quite ill of grip.

George Miller, of North Main street, is critically ill of pneumonia.

Herman Babcock, clerk at Stone & Thomas' stores, is quite ill with an attack of typhoid fever.

Mr. A. T. Molleaux, who has been here for the past two months, will return to England in a few days.

Mrs. Alex. Mitchell, of Virginia street, Island, has returned home from an extended visit to friends in New York, Hartford, and other eastern cities.

Dr. D. H. Taylor is recovering gradually from an attack of typhoid pneumonia, a fact that will be learned of with pleasure by the doctor's many friends.

Friends of Mrs. W. H. Rogers, of Fifteenth street, will be glad to learn of the serious illness of her father, Mr. William Molleaux, who visited in this city last fall.

Colonel George Kleeh, the erstwhile village blacksmith and wagon builder of Fulton, left yesterday to visit relatives in Washington, D. C., and incidentally mingle with the more approachable of the statesmen at the nation's capital.

Charles Hornbrook, an old Wheeling boy, is in the city for the first time in twenty years, and yesterday he was in tow of his old friend, Colonel William Henry Exley, and shook the hands of scores of old acquaintances. He is a son of Capt. Edward Hornbrook, who was well known in Wheeling, and is now a resident of Chicago.

New York Concert Company.

Seats will be reserved this morning at the Young Men's Christian Association building for the entertainment Thursday evening, by the New York Concert Company. The company is made up of a splendid male quartette and an elocutionist. Miss Nellie Nichols is the reader. The Williamsport Evening News says of her:

"Of Miss Nichols too much cannot be said in praise. She captivated the audience the moment she set foot upon the stage. Her recitations were given without effort. In fact, all her work, both in voice and gesture, was perfectly natural, graceful and entertaining. It is needless to say that she was enthusiastically encored every time she appeared."

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"For two weeks I used Postum, and when I returned to Boston, I banished tea and coffee from the table forever. My complexion has made a decided change for the better, and it goes without saying that I feel greatly benefited. My nights are not sleepless now, as they were when I was a coffee drinker." M. E. Curtis, Canterbury Street, Boston, Mass.

Card of Thanks.

To Allen C. Clark, Esq., Sec'y Equitable Industrial Life Insurance Co., Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR:—My claim of \$180, due on the death of my father, Peter Ryan, was paid to-day in full, by your superintendent, William Brinkman, rooms 20 and 21, Exchange Bank building. Thanking you for the prompt and straightforward settlement, I cheerfully recommend your reliable company to the public, and especially to the working people, whose true friend the Equitable Industrial certainly is, as their policies are the most beneficial to them, giving one-half immediate benefits, while other companies only pay one-fourth.

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HOPKINS—At Anderson, Ind., March 18, 1900, at 12:35 p. m., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. T. W. Hayes, MARY HOPKINS, in her 8th year. Funeral Wednesday at 10 a. m. from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Benson, Main street, Benwood. Interment private.

OCH—On Sunday, March 18, 1900, at 7:15 p. m., NANCY, wife of Henry Och, in her 27th year.

Funeral services at family residence, 196 Fourteenth street, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment at Greenwood cemetery.

COLE—On Sunday morning, March 18, 1900, MRS. BILLA COLE, at her residence, 322 Wood street, in the 53d year of her age.

Funeral services will be held in the Third Presbyterian church, Tuesday, March 20, at 2 o'clock p. m. Interment at Mt. Zion cemetery.

McHILL—On Monday, March 19, 1900, at 5:45 p. m., ETHEL FLORENCE, daughter of Joseph W. and Katie C. McHill, aged 6 years and 5 days. Funeral notice hereafter.

SCHAEFER—At his residence, 504 Market street, on Monday, March 19, 1900, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., WHENETLIN SCHAEFER, in his 7th year.

Funeral notice hereafter.

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STATEMENT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1899,
Showing the Condition of the

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Organized under the laws of the state of Vermont, made to the auditor of West Virginia, pursuant to the laws of said state:
First—The name and locality is National Life Insurance Company, of Montpelier, Vermont.
Second—The amount of its capital stock is.....
Third—The amount of its capital stock paid up is.....

ASSETS.
Fourth—The assets of the company are:
First—The amount of cash on hand and in the hands of agents or other persons is..... \$ 533,500 54
Second—The real estate, unincumbered, amounts to..... 1,294,979 97
Third—The bonds owned by the company, the manner in which they are secured, and the rate of interest per annum thereon, amount to..... 6,262,537 65
Fourth—The debts due the company, secured by mortgage or otherwise, amount to..... 5,104,167 69
Fifth—The debts due the company for premiums amount to..... 585,098 34
Sixth—All other securities amount to..... 773,580 34
Policy loans..... 1,831,718 53
Total assets..... \$17,735,900 65

LIABILITIES.
Fifth—The amount of liabilities due or owing to banks or other creditors by the company is..... \$ 30,531 70
Sixth—The losses adjusted and due any..... 17,950 00
Seventh—The losses adjusted and not due any..... 3,500 00
Eighth—The losses unadjusted are..... 35,584 70
Ninth—The losses in suspense, waiting for further proof are..... 408,334 73
Tenth—All other claims against the company are..... \$15,973,373 14
Legal reserve at 2 per cent..... 55,000 00
Total liabilities..... \$15,958,196 32
Eleventh—The greatest amount insured in any one risk is..... 50,000 00

The foregoing statement of the assets and liabilities of the said company, and the declarations therein made, and the schedules thereupon accompanying, on the said thirty-first day of December last, and for the year ending on that day, is full, correct and true, according to the best of their information, knowledge and belief, respectively.

CHARLES DEWEY, President.

OSMAN D. OLARK, Secretary.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the statement of the National Life Insurance Company, Montpelier, Vermont, on file in this office, and that the same is in pursuance of the authority vested in me by the laws of this state, do hereby authorize the said insurance company, its duly authorized agent or agents, to transact the business of life insurance in the state of West Virginia until the first day of December, 1900.

L. M. LA FOLLETTE, Auditor.

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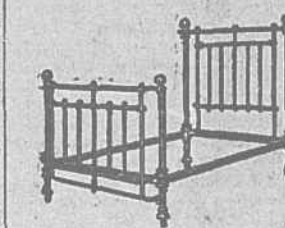
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